

My name is Gray Gannaway. I'm a musician, DJ, and help manage one of the largest catalogs of independent music in the world as part of CD Baby's digital distribution program. I am also a citizen that is concerned with the decreasing scope of news coverage on the air. I have a background of studio engineering for radio spots so I also have close friends in the radio world.

I oppose the use of voice tracking for lowering costs of programming. It homogenizes our airwaves and adversely affects local coverage and quality programming.

I feel that stations should be required to play a percentage of local content to serve the best interest of the public. Variety and selection have both suffered from decreased local coverage and programming.

I support the growth of local LPFM stations and would love to see more licenses available, especially in Oregon. I think this gives much more variety to the music selection (which unfortunately is desperately needed right now).

I really feel like media consolidation has reached an unprecedented level in the U.S. and that the public, for the most part, is unaware. Those that are aware seem to be either very alarmed about it or directly receiving profit from it. I hope you will think about these concerns during future legislation, and I want to thank you VERY much for your time. I appreciate the chance to give you my feedback.